



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

November 6, 2006

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATION 9, RULE 9: NITROGEN OXIDES FROM
STATIONARY GAS TURBINES**

On **Wednesday, December 6, 2006**, the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed amendments to **Regulation 9: Inorganic Gaseous Pollutants, Rule 9: Nitrogen Oxides from Stationary Gas Turbines**, and to consider approval of a CEQA Negative Declaration. The hearing will be held in the 7th floor Board Room of the District Office, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco. **District Board meetings commence at 9:45 a.m.**

Regulation 9, Rule 9 sets emission limits for nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from stationary gas turbines in order to reduce ozone forming emissions to the atmosphere. The rule requires turbines to meet various emission limits depending on their size, fuel type, and amount of usage. Gas turbines are used to supply commercial electrical power, mechanical power, and steam used within various industries such as petroleum refineries. The proposed amendments will implement control measure SS-14 from the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy. The proposed amendments: 1) categorize turbines by heat input rating rather than megawatt output; 2) set more stringent emission limits for some categories; 3) provide for a new measure of compliance, pounds NO_x per megawatt-hour; and 4) provide up to 400 hours operating time per year before new limits go into effect. In addition, the proposed amendments provide new definitions; administrative, recordkeeping and monitoring requirements; and test methods where necessary to clarify and enforce the new provisions in the rule.

The proposed amendments to Regulation 9, Rule 9 and the proposed California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration are available on the District's web site at http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ruledev/regulatory_public_hearings.htm. Copies of these documents may also be requested by calling Lilia Martinez at (415) 749-4664.

Comments on the proposed amendments and Negative Declaration should be directed to Guy Gimlen, Air Quality Engineer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, 94109, telephone (415) 749-4734 fax (415) 749-4741, or e-mail at ggimlen@baaqmd.gov. **Written comments on the regulatory proposal and Negative Declaration will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2006.**